

## NAVAL STATION IN PORTO RICO.

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LETTER FROM THE ACTING CHIEF CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PORTO RICO, INCLOSING A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NAVAL STATION.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PORTO RICO,  
*San Juan, January 7, 1902.*

SIR: By direction of the executive council of Porto Rico, I have the honor to inclose herewith a joint resolution, duly adopted by the legislative assembly of Porto Rico and approved by the governor, concerning the establishment of a naval station in Porto Rico.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

N. R. BENNETT,  
*Acting Chief Clerk Executive Council.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, D. C.*

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[C. J. R. No. 1.]

IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PORTO RICO,  
*January 7, 1902.*

Mr. Brioso introduced the following joint resolution:

*Be it resolved by the executive council of Porto Rico (the house of delegates concurring),* That the following petition be forwarded to the President and Congress of the United States:

Whereas the naval station projected by the Federal Government in the waters of Porto Rico is absolutely essential, useful, and necessary to the best interests of the United States, including Porto Rico; and

Whereas the situation of Porto Rico, lying as it does between the mainland of the United States and South America and on the routes to the isthmian canal, with harbors which afford protection to vessels at all times and in circumstances of war or peace, justifies Congress in giving every consideration to the unequalled claims of this island as proper for a naval station: Therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the people of Porto Rico will cede possession to any property, buildings, or appurtenances belonging to the government of Porto Rico, as they may be required from time to time and necessary

for the construction of the naval station in whatever place shall be selected therefor within the island, leaving adjustment of compensation for the title to subsequent legislation or agreement.

*Be it further resolved,* That all of the municipalities of the island be recommended to make similar offers for the cession of their rights of possession to property, buildings, or appurtenances for the purpose indicated.

CHAS. HARTZELL,  
*President Executive Council.*

UAN FIRONY,  
*Speaker of the House of Delegates.*

Approved January 7, 1902.

WILLIAM H. HUNT, *Governor.*

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